

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) A filtering device, comprising:
a body member;
a plurality of struts fixedly attached to the body member and extending therefrom;
and
wherein one or more of the struts include a weakened region.

21. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 20, wherein the struts include a proximal end region and a distal end region.

22. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 21, wherein the body member is coupled to the proximal end region of the struts.

23. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 21, wherein the struts include an anchoring member disposed adjacent the distal end region.

24. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 20, wherein the body member includes a bore.

25. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 20, wherein the struts are substantially straight.

26. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 20, wherein the struts include one or more bends.

27. (Withdrawn) A method of manufacturing a filtering device, comprising the steps of:

- providing a body member;
- providing one or more struts, the struts having a first end region and a second end region;
- removing material from each strut adjacent the first end region so as to define a weakened region in the strut; and
- coupling the second end regions of the struts to the body member.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of removing material from each strut adjacent the first end region so as to define a weakened region in the strut includes grinding the struts.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of removing material from each strut adjacent the first end region so as to define a weakened region in the strut includes machining the struts.

30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of removing material from each strut adjacent the first end region so as to define a weakened region in the strut includes crimping the struts.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of removing material from each strut adjacent the first end region so as to define a weakened region in the strut includes metal forming the struts.

32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of removing material from each strut adjacent the first end region so as to define a weakened region in the strut includes drilling the struts.

33. (Withdrawn) A method for removing a filtering device from a blood vessel, comprising the steps of:

providing a retrieval catheter having a proximal end region and a distal end region;

navigating the retrieval catheter through a blood vessel to a position adjacent a filtering device;

applying force to the filtering member so as to break the filtering member at one or more weakened regions defined therein, thereby separating one or more anchoring members from the filtering device; and

removing the filtering device from the blood vessel.

34. (Previously Presented) A medical device, comprising:

a body member;

a plurality of struts fixedly attached to the body member and extending therefrom;

an anchoring member disposed on a distal end of each of the struts; and

a reduced cross-sectional area region defined in each of the struts adjacent the anchoring member.

35. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 34, wherein the reduced cross-sectional area region is defined by a notch in the strut.

36. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 34, wherein the reduced cross-sectional area region is defined by a divet in the strut.

37. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 34, wherein the reduced cross-sectional area region is defined by an opening in the strut.

38. (Previously Presented) A filtering device, comprising:

a conically-shaped filtering basket including an apex and a plurality of arms extending from the apex, each arm including a joined end fixedly attached to the apex; and

wherein the arms include a weakened region.

39. (Previously Presented) A filtering device, comprising:
a conically-shaped filtering basket including an apex, a plurality of arms extending from the apex, and a plurality of anchoring members coupled to the arms and positioned opposite the apex, each arm including a joined end fixedly attached to the apex; and

wherein the arms include a weakened region.

40. (Previously Presented) A filtering device, comprising:
a conically-shaped filtering basket including an apex, a plurality of arms extending from the apex, and a plurality of anchoring members coupled to the arms and positioned opposite the apex, each arm including a joined end fixedly attached to the apex; and

wherein the arms include a reduced cross-sectional area region.